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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Ten Sentenced in Southern Indiana  
“BC Bud” Marijuana Conspiracies**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES VAN ELSWYK, CHRISTIAN FRANKE, SHARIF ZAKI, JASON FERRAZZI, SHANE MCCAIN, JULIE SIMMS, ERIN KELLEY, NORMAN MUNDY, KENNETH KEE and BRIAN DAVIS, were sentenced yesterday in New Albany by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following their guilty pleas to conspiracy to distribute Canadian grown “BC Bud” marijuana. The defendants received sentences as follows:

JAMES VAN ELSWYK, 29, of Bloomington, was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment.

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CHRISTIAN FRANKE, 33, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment.

SHARIF ZAKI, 28, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment.

JASON FERRAZZI, 28, of Floyds Knobs, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

SHANE MCCAIN, 31, of Floyds Knobs, was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment.

JULIE SIMMS, 23, of Greenville, was sentenced to five years probation.

ERIN KELLEY, 33, of New Albany, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

NORMAN MUNDY, 29, of New Albany, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

KENNETH KEE, 27, of New Albany, was sentenced to 49 months imprisonment.

BRIAN DAVIS, 30, of Bloomington, was sentenced to 37 months imprisonment.

The case was the result of a 2003 investigation into two separate conspiracies to distribute high quality, "B.C. Bud" marijuana supplied by members and associates of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang of British Columbia, Canada, to individuals in Southern Indiana.

The investigation was conducted by the Louisville, Kentucky, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Seattle, Washington, offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the New Albany and Indianapolis offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia, and the New Albany, Bloomington and Victoria, Canada, Police Departments.

Two additional defendants, PATRICIO ALEJANDRO RIVERA, 35, and EWAN JACK LILFORD, 34, both of British Columbia, Canada, are currently the subject of extradition proceedings between the United States and Canada.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed periods of supervised release as to each defendant following their imprisonment.

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